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District Man Convicted of Possession of Child Pornography - Defendant Collected More Than 8,800 Images and 250 Videos of Child Pornography -

WASHINGTON - Anthony Moreno, 25, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty today to one count of possession of child pornography, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr., James W. McJunkin, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and Cathy L. Lanier, Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

Moreno appeared today before the Honorable Beryl A. Howell in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentencing is scheduled for August 11, 2011.

According to a factual proffer of evidence presented during today's court proceeding, on September 18, 2010, a law enforcement agent, utilizing a publicly available peer-to-peer file sharing program over the Internet, observed that Moreno had approximately 299 images of child pornography in his shared-file folders on the network.

On November 26, 2010, law enforcement executed a search warrant to search Moreno's computer equipment located at his residence at the Bolling Air Force Base in the District of Columbia. After law enforcement confirmed that Moreno possessed child pornography, Moreno was arrested. Forensic analysis of Moreno's computer equipment confirmed that he had collected over 8,800 images and 250 videos of child pornography.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood initiative. Project Safe Childhood is a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David B. Kent of the District of Columbia and Trial Attorney Darcy Katzin of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. It was investigated by the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes members of the FBI's Washington Field Office and MPD, and by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

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